

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 13-22, and 31-34 are presently pending in the case. Claim 5 has been cancelled.

Reconsideration of the present case in view of the above amendments and the remarks herein is requested.

Claim rejections under 35 USC 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 3,980,074 to Watt et al (hereinafter Watt et al). The rejection is traversed.

Watt et al does not anticipate claim 1, for example. To sustain a section 102 rejection, the reference relied upon, must disclose each and every element of the claimed invention. Non-disclosure of a single element of the claim negates anticipation. Claim 1 is to a receptacle comprising, inter alia, a receptacle body that defines an enclosed cavity containing powdered medicament. Watt et al does not disclose an enclosed cavity. Instead, the cavity of Watt et al has several openings, such as vents 11 and opening 2. Since all features of claim 1 are not disclosed by Watt et al, Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection. Claims 2-4 depend from claim 1 and are allowable over Watt et al for at least the same reasons as their base claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciated the indication that claims 13-22 and 31-34 include allowable subject matter.

Conclusion

The claims are allowable for the reasons given above. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the present rejections and allow the presently pending claims. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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